



Serving St. Elizabeth Church & Our Lady of Lourdes Church



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Our Lady of Lourdes

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday Thursday from 8:00 am~5:00 pm

Closed for lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday~7:30 am

Tuesday~12:00 pm

Saturday Vigil at St. Elizabeth 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes 9:00 am

Sunday Mass at St. Elizabeth 7:30 and 10:30 am

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill or having surgery, please contact Father Flach.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Flach for registration and information.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Call the Parish Center for additional information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

If you are considering marriage, please contact Father Flach no later than 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date and the diocesan and parish guidelines will be explained.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays at St. Elizabeth 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or by appointment

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Thirty~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Story found in Mark 12:41~44
The Poor Widow's Contribution



Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Mark 12:43~44

Nov. 10	4:30 pm	Martha Tebbe by CCW
Nov. 11	7:30 am	Favorable Weather
	9:00 am	Special Intentions
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach
Nov. 12	7:30 am	Marilu Fehrenbacher by CCW
Nov. 13	12:00 pm	Betty Moore by CCW
Nov. 14	7:30 am	Special Intentions
Nov. 15	7:30 am	Jane Brown by George Brown
Nov. 16	7:30 am	Arlene Schutte by Sherri Murray
Nov. 17	4:30 pm	Sonny Mann & Kevin Murray by Sherri Murray
Nov. 18	7:30 am	Special Intentions
	9:00 am	Ron Dhom by Fred Kirts & Ann Kirts
	10:30 am	For all parishioners by Fr. Flach



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 17 ~ Sunday, November 18, 2018

Sat. Nov. 17, 2018 4:30 pm St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Patti Buercklin

USHERS: Terry & Lynne Roche

COMMUNION MIN: Ginger Osborne, Celeste White

SERVERS: Liam Wirey

GIFTS: Randy Mullins Family

Sun. Nov. 18, 2018 7:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Mike Uptmor

USHERS: Clarence Schutte, Randy Schutte

COMMUNION MIN: Chad Arkenberg, Joe Hepner

SERVERS: Jared Hermann

GIFTS: Chad Arkenberg Family

Sun. Nov. 18, 2018 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

LECTOR: Anita Kocher

USHERS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

COMMUNION MIN: Keith & Rita Wirey

SERVERS: Eva Hermann

GIFTS: Ethel Dhom, Carol Zellars

Sun. Nov. 18, 2018 10:30 am St. Elizabeth

LECTOR: Cydnee Weber

USHERS: John Birkofer, Sam Quick

COMMUNION MIN: Jane Bohman, Matthew Hartrich

SERVERS: Maddy Myers, Lauren Staller

GIFTS: George Bohman Family

November Collection Counters:

John Ferris, Alan Maddox, Ann Schrey

PSR: Wednesday, November 14 & 28, 2018
from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Meditation on the Roman Catholic Belief of Purgatory ~ This Meditation is a Three Part Series being published.

Part 3. Purgatory is a place where the Love of God tempers the Justice of God, but also where the love of man tempers the injustice of man, for it enables hearts who are left behind to break the barriers of time & death, to convert unspoken words into prayers, unburned incense into sacrifice, unoffered flowers into alms, & undone acts of kindness into help for eternal life. Take away purgatory & how bitter would be our grief for our unkindnesses & how piercing our sorrow for our forgetfulness.. .. But if there be a purgatory, then immediately the bowed head gives way to a bent knee, the moment of silence to a moment of prayer, & the fading wreath to the abiding offering of the sacrifice of that great Hero of heroes, Christ. Purgatory, then, enables us to atone for our ingratitude because through our prayers, mortifications, & sacrifices, it makes it possible to bring joy & consolation to the ones we love. Love is stronger than death & hence there should be love for those who have gone before us. We are the offspring of their life, the gathered fruit of their labor, the solicitude of their hearts.

Our Lady of Lourdes News

There will be a Veteran's Day Appreciation Service on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Oblong, which is located at 201 S. Garfield Street. Everyone is welcome! Please join us in honoring our Veterans!

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be collecting non-perishable food items for donations to the Oblong Food Pantry. Collection dates will be November 18th, 25th and December 2nd immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Advent Nursing Home Project



It's that time of the year again! Next weekend, we will begin our Advent Nursing Home Project. The tree will be up and filled with tags for Christmas gifts going to the residents who have little or no family. See more details in next week's bulletin of how you can help.

November 11, 2018 ~ Thirty~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ From The Pastor

A poor widow is down to her last handful of flour and a few tablespoons of oil; she fully expects that when these items are gone she and her son will die. Then Elijah shows up asking for water and bread. She decides to trust him, and God delivers miraculous jars of flour and oil that sustain her and her son for a full year. In Mark's gospel, Jesus tells of another nameless widow whom he observes in the Temple. He knows she is poor, yet she bravely deposits her pittance in the treasury, undaunted by the showy offerings of the rich who precede and follow her. Like Elijah's widow at Zarephath, she trusts God and gives until it hurts, and Jesus pronounces her gift as the greatest in God's eyes. As I pondered the courageous faith of these two widows, I was reminded of a favorite short story by Oscar Wilde. At the heart of the tale of "The Happy Prince" is a gilded and bejeweled statue mounted on a tall column. The locals call the anonymous prince "happy" because of his beatific smile. A little swallow takes shelter at the feet of the statue. But the heart of the statue's spirit—who once has been a living prince—is not happy. He explains to the little swallow that, in life, he has been pampered and had only known beauty; but now from on high, he can see all the misery in his city, and so he cannot help but weep. He elicits the swallow's aid, asking his tiny friend to take the ruby from the hilt of his sword to a widow whose son is very ill. As the prince observes other suffering people, he relies on the swallow to deliver his two sapphire eyes and his gold leaf covering to them. Warmed by kindness and friendship, the swallow ignores the onset of winter until it is too late and dies at the statue's feet, which causes the leaden heart within the statue to crack. The townspeople, noticing that the statue is no longer beautiful, decide to melt it down and replace it, but the broken heart of lead will not melt. God sends an angel to bring him the most valuable things in the town and is pleased to receive the tiny body of the swallow and the broken heart of the happy prince. God promises eternal happiness to them both.

Scriptural Reflections ~ Thirty~Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus knows the full worth of the poor widow who contributes to the Temple treasury "all she had, her whole livelihood." Although her alms financially amounted to almost nothing, she remained certain that God would be pleased with her sacrifice. For, more than her money, she sacrificed to God the last shreds of her self-sufficiency. Like the widow of Zarephath, she believed in a bounty beyond her meager means. "The jar of flour shall not go empty," for it has become the Bread of Life, Jesus, who provides for those who make their lives a total gift of self to him. In that action, we discover full worth. **That is what Christ presents to the Father as he "appears before God on our behalf."**

Spiritual Reading for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

My daughter, I want to instruct you on how you are to rescue souls through sacrifice and prayer. You will save more souls through prayer and suffering than will a missionary through his teachings and sermons alone. I want to see you as a sacrifice of living love, which only then carries weight before me. You must be annihilated, destroyed, living as if you are dead in the most secret depths of your being. You must be destroyed in that secret depth where human eye has never penetrated; then I will find in you a pleasing sacrifice, a holocaust full of sweetness and fragrance. And great will be your power for whomever you intercede. Outwardly, your sacrifice must look like this: silent, hidden, permeated with love, imbued with prayer. I demand, my daughter, that your sacrifice be pure and full of humility, that I may find pleasure in it. I will not spare my grace, that you may be able to fulfill what I demand of you. I will now instruct you on what your holocaust shall consist of, in everyday life, so as to preserve you from illusions. You shall accept all sufferings with love. Do not be afflicted if your heart often experience repugnance and dislike for sacrifice. All its power rests in the will, and so these contrary feelings, far from lowering the value of the sacrifice in my eyes, will enhance it. Know that your body and soul will often be in the midst of fire. Although you will not feel my presence on some occasions, I will always be with you. Do not fear; my grace will be with you. The story of Elijah

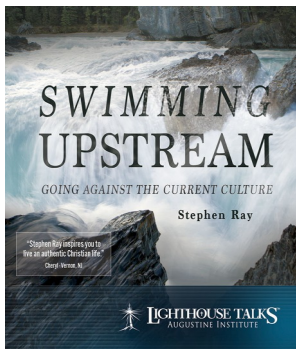


and the widow of Zarephath is one of the most compelling exemplifications of what Saint John Paul II called "the law of the gift," namely, that one's being increases in the measure that one gives it away.

During a time of terrible drought, Elijah comes upon the widow, and he boldly asks that she give him something to eat and drink. When she explains that all she has left is enough to make a last meal for herself and her son, the prophet persists: *Make me a little cake and bring it to me.* She must have shaken her head in disbelief, but nonetheless, she acquiesces. Then the miracle occurred: *She was able to eat for a year; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry.* By an instinct born of aeons of evolution, we seek to hang on to what we have, to cling to our possessions, to defend our lives at all costs. But in the spiritual order this instinct is counter-indicated, for in regard to the things of God, grasping leads, not to gain, but to loss. Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather he emptied himself... (Phil 2:6-7a). Therefore, if you want the divine life in you never to run out, don't hang on to it. Give it away! And you will find it increasing in you thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

Please remember to attend weekly Mass.

Kiosk Corner ~ Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture CD



In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

Parishioner Comments:

Love Stephen Ray! He is inspiring and communicates so well. I will be passing this CD on to others!

Trinity—Rochester, IN

Steven Ray is so uplifting. I enjoying listening to him. When I receive one of his CDs I know it will lift my spirits and I will enjoy it. I have received a lot of CDs and enjoy them all. I have learned so much about my faith.

Gloria—Moapa, NV

Rest In Peace



Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Rhea Adams. Rhea was the grandmother of Chris and Aimee Weber. In God's love we pray that He will grant Rhea a place of eternal love in the Kingdom of Heaven and that her family will receive comfort and peace in their sorrow and loss.

Prayer for the Indwelling of the Spirit

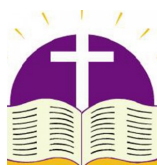
Holy Spirit, powerful Consoler, sacred Bond of the Father and the Son. Hope of the afflicted, descend into my heart and establish in it Your loving dominion. Enkindle in my tepid soul the fire of Your Love so that I may be wholly subject to You. We believe that when You dwell in us, You also prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Deign, therefore, to come to me, Consoler of abandoned souls and Protector of the needy. Help the afflicted, strengthen the weak, and support the wavering. Come and purify me. Let no evil desire take possession of me. You love the humble and resist the proud. Come to me, glory of the living and hope of the dying. Lead me by Your grace that I may always be pleasing to You.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following in your prayers: Erica Adams (Patti Buercklin), Kevin Bennett (Oblong, OLOL) Sara Casburn (Linda Allen), Scott Chapman, Todd Drake, Eileen Fabris (Kathleen Pescatore) Charlita Wilson, Darrell Wilson & the men & women in the armed forces.

Daily Mass Readings



Monday, November 12, 2018

First Reading ~ Titus 1:1-9
Gospel ~ Lk. 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

First Reading ~ Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Gospel ~ Lk. 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

First Reading ~ Titus 3:1-7
Gospel ~ Lk. 17:11-19

Thursday, November 15, 2018

First Reading ~ Phmn. 7-20
Gospel ~ Lk. 17:20-25

Friday, November 16, 2018

First Reading ~ 2 Jn.4-9
Gospel ~ Lk.17:26-37



Annual Catholic Services Appeal

As you are aware, the theme of the 2018~2019 Annual Catholic Services Appeal is "IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS." Gratitude is an attitude & response that is integral to the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ. God blesses us in so many ways & one way for us to express our gratitude to God is our participation supporting our parishes goal for the Annual Catholic Services Appeal. With the gift of God's grace, may we continue to become intentional disciples through our gift to the ACSA. As of October 18, 2018, THE GOAL FOR ST. ELIZABETH IS: \$38,376.00 with the total pledged of \$10,500.00 & the total paid is \$8,825.00. As of October 18, 2018, the goal for OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH IS: \$8,112.00 with the total pledged of \$2,209.00 & the total paid is \$1,567.00. Your deep & sincere generosity is appreciated as we strive together to fulfill our parish goals. Thank you & God bless you.



Give Central

Give Central can be accessed on the Church Website. You can click on the Donate button and you can donate to whatever collection you would like to. Thank you to all for using this service.

Weekly Offerings



St. Elizabeth

Weekly Offerings week ending Sunday, November 4, 2018

Envelopes \$3,092.00 Loose \$399.00
All Saints \$148.00 All Souls \$223.00
Building Fund \$70.00 4 Online @ \$335.00
Deposit: \$4,267.00

Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekly Offerings week ending Sunday, October 28, 2018

Envelopes \$590.00 Loose \$154.00
Deposit: \$744.00